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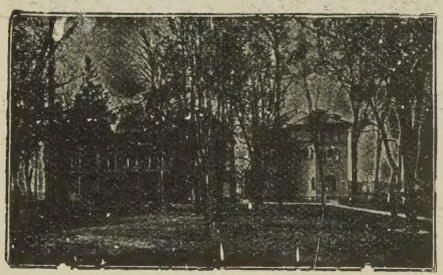

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Luther Sings as a Chorister

From "Stork's Life of Luther." *

WE stand before the house of Mistress Cotta, where Luther sings as a poor scholar for his daily bread. "It is stated," he says, "and it is true, that the Pope himself has been a poor scholar; therefore despise not those poor lads who cry at your door, 'Panem propter Deum!' and sing their song for their daily bread. I myself was once a screaming boy, and have sought my bread at people's doors, particularly in my beloved city of Eisenach."

Repulsed from several doors and much depressed, he arrives at length with his choir before the hospitable dwelling of his future foster-mother, the good Mistress Cotta, a devout matron, who gave him a place at her table, because she had conceived a warm affection for the boy on account of his singing and his ardent prayer. In the house of this, his fostering friend and comforter, he became intimate with a higher comforter, music, that noble relief to his war-worn spirit. Here he learned to play on several musical instruments.

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Another Year of Life

BY REV. EDWIN HEYL DELK.

THE year Nineteen Hundred and Seven stretches before us.

We expect to live through it, but are we going to live in it?

Somehow we hope to perform our tasks, meet our disappointments courageously, and enjoy ourselves. We expect to get through the year in the same old way, but does it satisfy our sense of duty and opportunity? I think not. Very few men are living to the fullness of their energy or devotion in any sphere of their life. In the realms of business and pleasure many are consuming every ounce of their energy and are doomed to break in health and moral fiber. But in the sphere of political, social and religious obligations how many flaccid lives we encounter within and without the Church. To live strenuously and fully in every field of duty and privilege should be the ambition of every soul. Though our lives may of necessity grow less robust on the physical side and the temporal losses leave us depleted in human affection and energy of purpose, still if we are living in God each year may find us living a fuller, more effective life in the world of spiritual power. Shall we then be content with repeating the spirit and service of last year, or shall we come to God and ask for a clearer vision of our duty, a fuller measure of His grace, and closer walk with Jesus, and the complete control of our life, and all that we possess, by His Holy Spirit? The flatness, the staleness, the ineffectualness of life is due to the fact that men are not truly living but hibernating on the ethical and spiritual side of their natures. If the genial sun of God's life was shot through their somnolent hearts and they awoke to the fields white for harvest, how this blood of enterprise and faith would leap through the tissues of their souls, and the new birth of hope and love send them forth as crusaders of righteousness and beneficence! Let us determine that we will not simply live through but live in this year of 1907. Whatsover our hands find to do let us do it with our might. Whatsoever our hearts have learned to love in Jesus Christ, let us cherish it and give it the invigorating air of His spiritual world. Perhaps we shall not live through the coming year! Never mind. If God finds us living *in* it, living at the fullness of powers, living with our lives in His keeping, death will be but an entrance into still fuller life—that eternal life we shall live in His almighty presence of love.

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New Year's Day in Japan

SOMEHOW, though the sun may have shone just as brightly on the previous day, and indeed the whole year round, yet it all seems changed and different on this, the first day of the year. It is the spirit of the New Year! This is the time of universal peace and goodwill; when the inhabitants of the little empire start life anew with fine resolutions and promises for the future, and all ill feeling done away with.

The 1st of January bears the significant title of Gansan (the Three Beginnings), meaning beginning of the year, beginning of the month, and beginning of the day. And to this might be added the beginning of a new and better life. What Christmas is to the Occidentals, New Year's is to the Japanese, although greetings and congratulations are not confined to the first day of the year, but at any time between the 1st and the 15th.

The Japanese begin to prepare for the New Year nearly a month before, and in fact, give their houses and possessions a thorough cleansing, just as the good American housewife does in the spring time. Even the very poorest people do this, laying mats of rice straw, and cleaning every nook and corner with fresh bamboo dusters and brooms, which are said to symbolize prosperity and good fortune. And after the house has been aired and cleaned, it is decorated with pine and bamboo, for the Japanese venerate both of these, because they keep green through the entire winter and symbolize longevity. The Japanese read in the most insignificant natural objects some striking significance, and there is a meaning attached to almost every decoration or ornament in the house. The outsides and gardens of the houses are also beautifully decorated, to say nothing of the streets, which present a most interesting and animated spectacle at this time.

On New Year's Eve the streets and stores, which at this time display their most attractive goods, are thronged with people intent on buying the requisites for the coming year. At night the streets are beautifully illuminated with lines of big lanterns, family crests, flags, shop signs, etc., hung from every store. On this eve many of the people remain up all night, and watch the old year out and the new year in, though a few old-fashioned ones prefer the custom of rising very early in the morning to worship the first rising sun of the new year.—Exchange.

Rajahmundry League. Anniversary

BY REV. J. H. HARPSTER, D.D.

THE Luther League has reached India. Who says that India does not move? Keep your eye fixed on India; for I think our young men have the mind, and may have the zeal, to extend the League into many of the more than 250 congregations of the mission; perhaps, eventually, into all of them. I see no reason why it should not be.

And then, after a while, if it should extend to the other Lutheran missions in India, Burma, Assam and Ceylon, with its 224,774 of a membership, according to the Ziegenbalg Year Book, would it not be a fine thing to see? And would not my little attempt at prophecy a few years ago in your columns also become a proverb and prove that I also, as well as Saul, am among the prophets? It is a wide view to take, no doubt, but "is the Lord's hand waxed short" that He cannot bring this thing to pass?

I was invited a few days ago to attend the first anniversary of the League. I was more than pleased.

I asked them for the annual report and the introductory speech of the vice president for the REVIEW, and inclose them herewith. I only add that I send the papers as they were handed to me, without the correction of a word or phrase.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1906, OF THE A. E. L. M. HIGH SCHOOL LUTHER LEAGUE.

RAJAHMUNDRY, INDIA.

We beg to submit a report of the A. E. L. M. High School Luther League from the time of organization up to the present.

HISTORY—A number of English speaking Christian students used to gather of a Sunday afternoon in this school building to study the Scriptures and to discuss religious topics. It was suggested to them to organize themselves into a chapter of the Luther League, which was done on February 5, 1905. A constitution was framed and adopted. Thus was established, so far as is known, the first Luther League in India.

MEMBERS—At the outstart 23 members were enrolled, and at present 25 members answer to their names at roll call. The average attendance during the year was 15.

MEETINGS—At first the meetings were held every Sunday during the school year in the evening immediately before Sunday school, but the time was changed to Sunday morning immediately after the Telugu service. During the year under review, thirty-four meetings were held.

WORK—The Bible, Luther's small Catechism, the Luther League Topics, generously donated by the Rev. Dr. J. H. Harpster, and the Church Book are in constant use at the meetings. The following portions of Holy Scriptures were read during the year: The Acts of the Apostles, the Epistles to the Hebrews, Romans and Corinthians. Brief papers were read by the members on the five parts of the Catechism and on topics suggested by the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW. The Church Book was used in the study of the Catechism, and the hymns sung at the meetings were selected from it.

OFFERINGS—No regular subscriptions are taken. All offerings are voluntary. The amount collected during the year was R. 1-3-0. The purpose for which offerings are taken at present is the support of a blind child for two months in the Blind Schools, Sarah Tucker College, Palamcottah, South India.

CONCLUSION—In order to see the character of our work, friends are invited to attend our meetings Sunday morning, after the Telugu service.

We devoutly thank God for His goodness to us and pray that His blessing may ever be with us, and we believe that the work done by us in simplicity of heart and mind is graciously accepted by Him through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Humbly submitted by

THE SECRETARY-TREASURER.

Introductory speech given at the first anniversary of Luther League, A. E. L. M. High School, Rajahmundry, by Muppadi John, vice president:

DEAR PRESIDENT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—It is a great pleasure to us, the members of the Luther League, to see you join us here this morning while we are celebrating the first anniversary of this League. We thank you much for your kindness shown to us in attending this meeting, and feel it a sort of encouragement in our enterprise. This day reminds of the earlier days of this League and the objects with which it was started. It is very common that many doubts and difficulties in regard to simple things rise in the minds of the youth when they face the future. We have very little knowledge and proper understanding of the Word, and weak faculties in explaining it to those who do not know it. So we thought we could make up our defects and improve our Bible knowledge by holding a special meeting by which we can be profited in many ways. Thus we all joined together and went to our alma master, Rev. F. W. Wackernegal, and asked his permission to hold a meeting as this. He then immediately expressed his consent and showed us his eager desire to do so. And having known our objects he wished us to call it Luther League. He then became a member of this League and took upon himself the task of leading it every Sunday.

The various objects of this League are to

quicken in its members a clearer consciousness of Christian faith; to encourage them to the systematic study of God's Word and the faithful use of the ministrations of the Church. Its objects are also shown by stimulating them in their private devotions and to take religious exercises suited to their standing and estate. By directing them to the thoughtful investigation of the history, doctrines and usages of the Lutheran Church; lastly, to enlist their active interest in various departments of the congregational work.

All these objects are carried out by holding regular meetings where we studied Scripture and writing short essays and answers to the questions that are put in the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW. We studied Luther's small Catechism, a small compendium of the Bible, every one preparing at home and giving short speeches in the meeting. Many difficulties and doubts were cleared away by our president in course of our conversations on the subjects assigned for that day. We studied also the history of noted persons that brought about the Reformation and established Protestantism in this land and many other places. Thus we make preparations for the future, taking religious exercises suited to our standing and estate. We hope it will continue and succeed by God's grace and accomplish the grandest movement and culmination of this century.

Bicentenary Celebration at Tranquebar

BY REV. J. H. HARPSTER, D.D., DIRECTOR OF THE RAJAHMUNDRY MISSION.

IN his address of welcome to delegates in attendance at the Bicentenary of the landing of the first Protestant missionaries in India, the Rev. Mr. Pamperrien made bold to venture the prediction that, in future ages, Protestant Christians in India would turn to Tranquebar as to a Bethlehem—the shrine and birthplace of the true evangel to India. I think the remark struck no one as over-bold. The speaker knew, of course, that history is ever repeating itself, and so ventured to believe that it would repeat itself here. However that may be, as for me, at least, the feelings with which I stood thirty-four years ago and again six years ago within the portals of the Church of the Nativity at Bethlehem were very similar to those which surged through my mind and heart as I stood a few days ago within the church built by the great Ziegenbalg, and in which lies his honored dust. And when my faith grows weak and my hope grows dim as to the future of Christianity in India, I am not sure that I shall not make a reverent pilgrimage to Tranquebar; for I know I should come back again to my work a stronger and a more believing man.

Of the town of Tranquebar itself, separated from its association with those early missionary pioneers, little can be said, and that little not very flattering. The sea front may be described as a "picturesque ruin." Only the crumbling walls of some of the buildings erected by the early Danes remain. Tranquebar is literally stranded, commercially speaking, between Negapatam on the one side and Pondicherry on the other. It has no manufactures of any kind, no trade, no railway, and no commercial future. As typical of the low value of real estate in the place, a house was pointed out to us which, in Rajahmundry, for example, would certainly bring Rs. 10,000, but which, we were told, had been bought by the Mission for Rs. 500. The entire importance of Tranquebar, it seemed to us, lies in the fact that two centuries ago a Danish colony resided there, and that on July 9, 1706, a Lutheran missionary was put ashore there with his box and his bag and at once began to do such a work for God that now, after 200 years have come and gone, his name and fame are such that the Protestant Church in all the world rises up to do him honor. That honor and importance remain imperishably to Tranquebar, and will remain. Let her be satisfied.

The meetings connected with the celebration were nearly all held in the Jerusalem Kirche, erected by Ziegenbalg himself two centuries ago. The building, when packed, will hold, perhaps 1,000 people. The story is told that when he was building the church he had but a handful of Christian adherents; and, being asked why he was building such an unnecessarily large structure, replied that Christianity had come to stay, and that, without doubt, all the room would be needed. His prediction was quite correct, for at some of the meetings the house was crowded to the doors and beyond.

The Bicentenary program began on Sunday morning, the 8th. The Rev. D. Bexell, of Pudukottah, preached the opening sermon. As the discourse was in Tamil, we could follow but haltingly; but, with the speaker's clear articulation, he compelled us to keep after him, halt or no halt. We wished he knew Telugu and that we could hear that splendid voice of his in that mellifluous tongue.

In the afternoon the delegates from other

Lutheran missions in India were welcomed by President Pamperrien in a well chosen address. The address was largely historical, and dealt mainly with Ziegenbalg and his work. It is a significant fact that, in the many addresses that were made, from first to last the great name of Schwartz was scarcely mentioned. This, we are persuaded, was not because of any want of appreciation of his just fame, but because Schwartz came when the mission, under the auspices of the Danes, was rapidly disintegrating, and Schwartz and his work formed little or no part of the annals of the Leipsic Society which, later on, took up and reorganized the shattered work.

In speaking of the life and work of Ziegenbalg, Rev. Pamperrien stated a thing that was enough to move one to tears. He said that Ziegenbalg, who passed away at the early age of thirty-five, had undoubtedly died of a broken heart. What with a naturally frail body, the care of the infant church, the hostility of the Danish authorities at Tranquebar, which went to the length of imprisoning him for months, the disaffection of the Church at home as the result of the unfruitful theological conflict about orthodoxy, the ruthless interference with his method of work by authorities 10,000 miles away, and, what is always the hardest to bear, friction with some of his own colleagues themselves, no doubt things must have been heartbreaking enough. It may be, as Mr. Schomerus intimated in the excellent review he gave of his missionary career, that Ziegenbalg himself was not as patient and conciliatory at times as he might have been. But, poor man! he had surely much to try him, and, if he exhibited a little impatience at times at the way things were going, we may be sure his impatience had its source in his zeal for the Lord's house. Another much tried man (who evidently felt that it could be done) once wrote in a letter, "Be ye angry, and sin not."

The delegates present, one of whom had come 1,000 miles, were, counting from the north: Revs. C. Pape, of the Gossner Mission; H. Larsen, of the Schleswig-Holstein; J. H. Harpster, of the American General Council; L. B. Wolf and E. H. Mueller, of the American General Synod; J. Worrlein, W. Kothe and L. Lindner, of the Hermannsburg, and J. Bittmann and Carl Hornbech, of the Missionary Society of Copenhagen. A representative of each of the societies responded to the cordial welcome extended by President Pamperrien. It was evident that all were in complete sympathy with the spirit of the great occasion, and out of the abundance of their hearts their mouths spoke.

In the afternoon a densely crowded service was held in the compound of the Theological Seminary. A historical sketch was given by the Rev. Th. Meyner, the principal of the Seminary. The youthful looking face and form of the principal would hardly be accepted as satisfactory proof that he has been in India for twenty years. With a physical system as impervious to the wear and tear of this debilitating climate as his evidently is, we may, with a fair degree of confidence, expect to be invited, in about thirty years, to attend the jubilee of his missionary service in India. Give us missionaries of long service. The hope of any mission lies in the patience and steadfastness and self discipline which seem to come to most missionaries only with long years of endurance and service. The successful missions are those whose missionaries have come to stay and do stay. Rev. Meyner was followed by Rev. Devasahayam, an earnest, thoughtful looking man. He spoke on "Fishers of Men," and if a friend sitting at our side interpreted him correctly spoke well.

In the evening Pastor Lohman, professor in the Mission College at Leipsic, who came out to represent the Church in Germany at the Bicentenary, preached in German. His theme was, "Reaping Where Others Have Sown." Rev. Lohman is a frail looking and comparatively young man, but clearly a man of large culture and a forceful speaker. We have heard Pastor Lohman on a number of occasions, and one thing about him that struck us is his unmistakable sympathy and warm fraternal feeling for the missionaries. This can hardly be said of all the visitors and inspectors who are sent out by the Church at home to inspect mission work and bring back their impressions. We have heard of an inspector who came out to India not long ago, who had never set foot in India before, nor kept his feet in India long enough to find out, by actual, personal experience any of the sore difficulties with which the poor missionaries have to contend; but who did not hesitate to criticise and find fault with almost everything the missionaries did. Unless we are much mistaken, Pastor Lohman's eyes—though he does look through two pairs of spectacles at once—are too shrewd not to see the defects more or less apparent in the Leipsic Mission, and, for that matter, and inevitably, more or less apparent in all our missions; but if we read the man

aright at all, while grieving over them, he grieves also with the missionaries who are trying the best they can to do away with them. We think we are quite safe in saying that Pastor Lohman will carry back to Germany the cordial good will and personal regard of all the members of the Leipsic Mission. It is worth a passing remark, too, that Rev. Lohman does not belong to the common class of cold weather visitors. He came out in March —not at the beginning of the cold season, but of the hot—bought himself a pith hat and light clothing and sweltered for several months in a temperature of from 100 to 115 degrees in the shade. And they do say he took it with the cheerfulness and fortitude of an old-timer.

On Monday morning the program began with a grand pageant. The more than thirty foreign missionaries and, perhaps, an equal number of native pastors filed into the venerable structure in full canonicals; the Germans dressed in somber black and the Swedes and native pastors in speckless white. It was a sight worth seeing.

We first had a discourse in Tamil by the Rev. H. Matthis, of Mayavaram. On this occasion also, as throughout when Tamil was the tongue, we could only follow the speaker in a rather aimless and slipshod way; but we were able to make out one thing, and that was, that these Leipsic Lutheran missionaries evidently know the language of the people they have come to work among and speak it with remarkable force and fluency. Mr. Matthis spoke for an hour and fifteen minutes and we caught no one looking at his watch or showing any signs of that extreme physical exhaustion which, it is alleged, long sermons produce.

He was followed by Rev. Samuel, a native brother, who gave us another full hour in Tamil. But as Brother Samuel is an orator our vitality held out. With a voice clear as a bell, gestures as pregnant with meaning as the Athenian pantomimists who acted plays without words, he preached with eyes and face and head and hands, and, though because of the big, high-perched pulpit we cannot be sure of it, most likely with his feet also. He spoke of the faithful men who have gone before in the ministry of the Gospel in Tranquebar, both foreign and native. For the church in Tranquebar has its honorable roll of native pastors also, from Aaron, the first pastor, down, and who in their day "witnessed a good confession" and left behind them the fair fragrance of an honored name.

On Monday afternoon a public meeting was held in a large pandal erected for the occasion and attended by a large assemblage that had come in from the various stations of the mission. The road to the pandal was lined with bunting, conspicuous among which was the flame colored Dannebrog, the national flag of Denmark. Addresses were made by Revs. Pamperrien, Lohman, Harpster, Ellwein and Joseph. The addresses were interspersed with native music, some of which was good—we speak, of course, from the European standpoint.

At the close of the exercises in the pandal a neat pillar of stones, erected to commemorate the landing of Ziegenbalg and Plütschau, was unveiled by President Pamperrien. The pillar is supposed to mark the spot, and likely does, where the great pioneers were put ashore and where they stood the whole hot July 9, 1706, not one of the Danish residents willing to take them under his roof (albeit they carried in their pockets letters of commendation from the Danish King, Frederick IV), until night fell and some one with a little blood left about his heart came and took them to his home. The Danish commandant, so it is recorded, said he had no use for them—could not fit them into the Danish scheme of trade. What was the use of the missionaries anyhow? To be sure, what was the use?

The monument is a rather low and unpretentious one. It is not improbable that the Protestant Church of India will some day be dissatisfied with it and replace it with a very high one—and of marble.

On Monday evening a program of sacred music was rendered by the missionaries and zenana ladies. It was a great treat to us poor mofussilites who hear nothing but native singing from one year's end to another, and that almost always mightily out of tune. The Swedes particularly came out strong, and fully maintained their national reputation as a highly cultured, music loving people.

The final meeting was held on Tuesday morning in Ziegenbalg's old church. Rev. C. J. Sandegrin, of Madura, president of the Swedish branch of the mission, delivered an address on the general theme of the celebration, and drew lessons therefrom which all who heard him will do well to follow. Rev. R. Schomerus, of Tanjore, spoke of the life and work of Ziegenbalg. Rev. Wolf, of the Guntur Mission and editor of the *Gospel Witness*, read a paper on "The Present and Future of Lutheran Missions in India."

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A HERO OF THE NEW WORLD.

By Laura Scherer Copenhaver

"Ein Feste Burg ist Unser Gott"

After we had been many weeks at sea, strange perils beset us from within and from without. Our crew were mutinous, and we were in constant danger from Spanish pirates.

A few days sufficed to convince me that, whatever the words "Protestant" and "Lutheran" might mean, they did not mean coward. In time of danger, Dr. Muhlenberg never seemed afraid, but calm, and even cheerful. I never saw him angry or melancholy. Many times, he set us laughing at his wit, and yet, at the first hint of danger, he was ready with a prayer on his lips, to help defend the ship.

Our captain, though a Scotchman, was opposed to the frequent wars in which England had been involved. He complained that it was no longer safe for a trading vessel to cross the ocean. One morning, he sighted a vessel coming straight towards us. A Spanish privateer, he declared it to be.

At once, our whole ship's company was in an uproar. The few women on board were ordered to keep together in the cabin. They sat, huddled close to each other, pale and terror-stricken.

I looked about for my uncle. In truth, I felt almost glad, because now at last I hoped to see him do valorous deeds. I felt sure that if he would take charge of the ship, all would go blithely, as in the terrible fights he had so often described to me, where a single blow of his had turned the tide of battle.

Through the crowded vessel I went looking for my uncle. At last, I found him. He was in the hold with the Spanish cook. A keg of rum was open beside them, but my uncle was pale, not flushed, as I had often before seen him when he was drinking.

When he caught sight of me, he began to boast about the battles he had fought, and the terrible death he would give these pirates, but his words were meaningless now, for I knew that his teeth were chattering.

I could not bear to look at him, as he stood, drinking and boasting. I went back to the deck. Here, some order had been restored. The men were all armed. Among them was Dr. Muhlenberg. I went straight to him.

"Sir, are you not frightened?" I asked.

"Edward!" he said smiling at me. "I must confess that at first, I felt a little—what shall I call it?—*trepidus*—you know the Latin, I see. But I am now composed, even comforted, at the thought that, perhaps, I may today be with my Lord in Paradise."

He turned to walk away from us, but I caught his arm.

"Please tell me where you are going," I said.

"I have some friends in the steerage whom I must see and comfort."

"Let me go with you?" I asked.

"Come," he said, looking at me keenly.

It was not so much my fright at the thought of falling into the hands of the pirates that made me long to be with this man. I cannot say just what it was; but I know that his calmness in the midst of the general disorder attracted me most strongly. He seemed to me at that moment the greatest man I had ever known.

I went with him below into the steerage, and there we found his friends—a German mother with her three children. She sat in the midst of the terrible hubbub, holding the hands of her children, and singing quite clearly, a beautiful hymn which I did not know then. I have learned it now, and I understand that the same thing which made Dr. Muhlenberg a hero, gave to this weak woman the courage of a man.

I have heard the song often since that time, but "Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott" has never seemed so grand to me as then, while the

voices of the children rose above the noise about them.

The oldest daughter was a maiden with two great plaits of golden hair crossing her shoulders and falling upon her knees. Once while she sang her blue eyes looked straight into mine, and suddenly, I, too, felt no fear, but instead—a great peace as if God were somehow on that very ship, taking care of us all.

Dr. Muhlenberg and I went back to the deck. We stumbled on two men kneeling in a loud prayer to the Virgin Mary.

"Poor souls!" said Dr. Muhlenberg.

Just then a cheer went up from a sailor on the mast.

"Look at her flag!' shouted a man beside us.

"It's the Union Jack!" said Dr. Muhlenberg.

"Why didn't you run up your flag before?" shouted the man on the mast.

We could not hear the answer, but we could now see plainly, floating above the supposed Spanish vessel the red cross of St. George and the white cross of St. Andrew—the English Flag! The ship that had given us such a fright was a trading vessel like our own. Its cargo was composed of negroes to be sold in the colonies.

Dr. Muhlenberg was greatly distressed when he learned this.

"There will be a day of reckoning for these men who traffic in human souls!" he cried.

Even the captain thought it a shame that this slave-trader should float the English flag.

While our crew were shouting and swearing at the sailors on the other ship, Dr. Muhlenberg turned to me.

"Edward," he said, "a moment ago these men were terror-stricken. Prayers to the Virgin Mary were on their lips, and now they are blaspheming the name of God who has delivered them. I long to teach them of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus."

When the commotion on deck had subsided, Dr. Muhlenberg went again to the steerage. This time, I followed him without asking permission. He told his friends below of our deliverance. He spoke in German, for they knew no English.

I have been told that the German language is harsh and unmusical, but I thought not so when the blue-eyed maiden looked away from us, and said:

"Der liebe Gott sei dank!"

On the 18th of July, we were still on the ocean. On that day Dr. Muhlenberg was installed chaplain of our ship. Every Sunday afterwards, he preached to the whole ship's company in the English language; but he talked to the Germans in the steerage in their own tongue. I think he talked to every man on the ship about the new life "hid with Christ in God." To a few of us there in mid-ocean, a great change came. The poor Spanish cook was one of these. Dr. Muhlenberg had many long talks with him, and at last he turned from his profanity, his low jests, and his worship of the Virgin. I cannot describe the wonderful transformation wrought in this poor fellow any more than I can describe the change in myself. I, too, felt the power of God unto salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

For one hundred and two days we were on the ocean. The lack of water became so extreme that the very rats suffered from it. Towards the end of the voyage there were many among us who grew melancholy. My uncle's spirits sank under the trials of our situation. He drank more and more freely of the rum, of which he seemed to have an abundant supply. Sometimes he talked of throwing himself into the sea.

"We shall never set foot on land again, Ned. I would give all I hope to gain in that New World to be back in London."

One evening near the end of September, the captain came to us, and cried:

"Welcome to the coast of Carolina! We have sighted land."

Dr. Muhlenberg started to his feet.

"Bless the Lord, and forget not all his benefits," he said.

Fear of Spanish pirates supposed to be cruising about Georgia had decided our captain to steer for Charleston rather than Savannah. So it was in the colony of Carolina that I first set foot on American soil.

We had no sooner entered the town of Charleston than my uncle's behavior changed. He became again the daring and reckless man who had been the hero of my youthful fancy. But now I felt for him a great pity because he held life so worthless a thing, and yet I had seen him tremble exceedingly in the presence of death.

I no longer wished to go with my uncle to Georgia. I no longer thought it a fine thing to smuggle rum and negroes into the colony, and make a fortune to spend at the gaming tables in London. I learned that Dr. Muhlenberg and the German mother with her children

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Luther League Topics

Sexagesima Sunday. February 3, 1907.

The Lord's Supper—a Communion

I Cor., 10:16-22.

Doctrinal Topic Reviewed by Rev. C. Armand Miller, D.D.

Questions to be answered in brief papers: How does the Lord's Supper exemplify communion with Christ? How communion with fellow communicants? How does it exclude communion with the world?

Lessons for our own lives: 1. Communion with God is the highest and best gift to the believer in Christ. It was man's original privilege, in the state of innocence, to see God face to face, to talk with Him as a man talketh with his friend, to walk with Him in the cool of the evening under the overarching trees of the garden of bliss; this was of the essence of the relation of man to God, as the Creator placed His child on the earth. The woe of sin, entering into a world in harmony, was seen, first of all, in the destruction of communion. Man was afraid and sought to hide himself. God spoke indeed to him, but it was no longer the communion of lovers, but the stern inquisition of a Judge, questioning the guilty. Through the centuries, by means of the promise of the Saviour, man found acceptance and forgiveness, a way of life and salvation was opened; but we can scarcely call it communion between man and God until He came in whom God and man were one, and by His life and death he reunited the broken ties and established again the privilege of communion. The impartation of Himself in the Holy Sacrament offers to the believing soul today the highest opportunity that life in this world permits for the full enjoyment of communion with God. He comes to us and enters in, and coming, He abides in us and we in Him. And so often as we worthily receive the Body and the Blood of the Very Christ He renews His coming and deepens His abiding and strengthens the communion. This is no function that bread and wine can perform. No memorial, no representation of an absent Christ can accomplish the communion that every instructed heart craves. And hence this Sacrament, in the simplicity and power of its institution, as Christ gave it, as the Holy Scriptures describe it, this, as nothing else can do, satisfies the spirit of the Christian, meets his need and his longing, and brings him the fullest fruition of the grace of God that he can know until he beholds the vision glorious of the unveiled face of Christ in Heaven.

Quinquagesima Sunday. February 10, 1907.

The Schmalcald Articles

Jude.

Historical Topic Reviewed by Rev. Alfred Ramsey.

In the five years following the Diet of Augsburg (1530) the conditions affecting the Reformation had changed, and when Pope Paul III summoned the long promised General Council, to be held in Mantua, beginning May 23, 1537, the position of the Protestants had been materially strengthened by the secular and political conditions of the times.

The council never convened, but in preparation for it Luther was instructed by the Elector of Saxony to prepare a statement of the evangelical faith. This was done, especial reference being had to the matters in dispute with Rome. The statement was examined and approved by the Elector, subsequently at a convention of the evangelical estates, held at Schmalcald, February, 1537, subscribed with but few exceptions by the theologians there present who had not done so before, and from this fact is known as "The Schmalcald Articles."

Contents.—A "Preface by Dr. Martin Luther," prepared in 1538, is followed by the "Articles" proper, in three main "Parts," and these, after the subscription by the theologians, by an "Appendix."

"Part First," treating "Of the Chief Articles of Faith Concerning the Divine Majesty," consists of four short statements of undisputed doctrine touching the Trinity, and the Person of Christ. Their style is terse, clean-cut, explicit; indeed, severely simple, reminding one of the dignified and forceful periods of the great General Creeds.

"Part Second" is "Concerning the Articles which refer to the Office and Work of Jesus Christ, or our Redemption." It likewise comprises four Articles, but treats of subjects concerning which no agreement is expected, "even in the least point." Article I treats "Of the Merit of Christ, and the Righteousness of

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Faith"; II, "Of the Mass," "the greatest and most horrible abomination"; III, "Of Chapters and Cloisters," which should be returned to educational uses or else "abandoned and altogether destroyed"; and IV, "Of the Papacy," denying that the "Pope is the head of all Christendom."

"Part Third" contains fifteen Articles treating in order of "Sin," "The Law," "Repentance" (including an extended discussion "Of the False Repentance of the Papists"), "The Gospel," "Baptism," "The Sacrament of the Altar," "The Keys," "Confession," "Excommunication," "Ordination and the Call," "The Marriage of Priests," "The Church," "How Man is Justified Before God, and Good Works," "Monastic Vows" and "Human Traditions."

The "Appendix," written by Melanchthon, consists of two "Parts," the first treating "Of the Power and Primacy of the Pope," the second, "Of the Jurisdiction of Bishops," and denies the "divine right" claimed by Rome for these two instruments of spiritual oppression.

Style.—The impersonal simplicity and thetic brevity that marks "Part First" is abandoned in "Part Second." In Article I the deep, evangelical faith of the author buttresses its declarations by numerous citations from the Book, while his warrior instincts are exhibited in the closing paragraph, where he sounds his first note of defiance and challenge in the words, "Upon this Article all things depend, which, against the Pope, the devil and the whole world, we teach and practice."

The other Articles of "Part Second" are very Luther-like. In them he is handling what his very being loathes and he handles it without gloves. The delicate rapier fits neither his spirit nor his hand, so he goes into the contest with the battle-axe in hand and hews his way forward with great, hearty, smashing blows. He is well aware that these Articles define the very focus of the battle, and that, with respect to them, no quarter is to be expected nor surrender to be made. It is clear to him that the reasonable hearing accorded at Augsburg will not be repeated at Mantua, for in the Council "We will stand not before the Emperor * * * but before the Pope, and devil himself, who intends to hear nothing, but merely to condemn, to murder and to force to idolatry." Small wonder, then, that in this "Part" there is no mincing of words, no polished phrasing, no courtly softness of speech, but rather plain words and sharp, telling in no uncertain tones of righteous hostility to the corrupt faith and practice of the Roman Church; or that the author in the closing sentence of this "Part" says, "We ought not here to kiss his (the Pope's) feet or to say, 'Thou are my gracious Lord, but * * * 'The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan.'"

"Part Third" was prepared, not with any view to placating rabid opponents in the expected Council, but rather to persuading "learned and reasonable men," open to argument, and others who might incline to or had already embraced the principles of the Reformation. Hence we find a quieter tone and in the main a gentle tempering of speech, except where papal practices and impostures are incidentally touched on, when the spirit of indignation quickly blazes again.

The Appendix is, considering Melanchthon's pacific tendency, notably firm in tone, and, as is to be expected in any product of his pen, scholarly, logical and lucid—"a theological masterpiece."

Confessional Character.—This has been questioned and even denied, but that the Articles possess it would seem to be certified by the following considerations: The acknowledged leader of the Reformation was authoritatively instructed by the Elector, the territorial head of the Church in Saxony, to prepare the Articles, in view of an approaching emergency in Reformation affairs. These articles were authoritatively approved by the Elector and were subscribed either before or at Schmalcald, by the recognized evangelical theologians, as being a correct statement of the faith. These subscriptions were not individual and private, for the great majority of them set forth the official status of the subscriber, as "Doctor," "Preacher of the Church at ——," "Superintendent of the Church at——," etc., while one (Regius) subscribes specifically in the name "of the Church of Hanover." In the main their several subscriptions are just in the form used by them in their Schmalcald subscription to the Confession, Apology and Appendix. The claim that they possess a less degree of symbolical authority than the Appendix does, based upon the fact that it is explicitly named with the Augsburg Confession and the Apology in the formal subscription by the theologians would seem to be offset by the fact that the Articles had already been subscribed to by the same men (except three)

and by fifteen others. It was not necessary to repeat that subscription, whereas neither the Augsburg Confession nor the Apology had been subscribed to and the Appendix was an entirely new statement, in fuller treatment of the subject discussed in Part, II, Article IV. Luther's subsequent revisions parallel Melanchthon's like treatment of the Augsburg Confession, and in the one case as in the other this individual treatment could not, and, as a matter of fact, did not affect the recognized authority of the Articles *as subscribed*. On a number of occasions they were accorded public and authoritative recognition and were finally in 1580 included in the Book of Concord. Confessionally, they supplement and complement the Augsburg Confession. The aim of the latter was to show that the evangelical churches were in full doctrinal agreement with historic, pure Christianity; that of the Articles is to emphasize wherein those churches differed from the impure papacy. In the interests of a hoped for harmony the Confession touched upon the falsehoods of Rome, but when peace is found impossible the Articles expose them in their horrid impiety. The Confession engaged in declaring the faith of the Church; the Articles deal with the faithlessness of the papacy. "We may say, that in and with them the Reformation closes and the final separation from Rome is pronounced" (Müller, quoted in Conservative Reformation.)

Their present-day importance lies in the picture they present of Roman Catholicism as it really is, in vivid contrast to the pure faith of our Lutheran Protestantism. Would you be cheered and strengthened in the latter, study the former as portrayed by a master hand in the Schmalcald Articles. "There is nowhere else in the Symbols so ample a statement *about* the papacy, and what is to be noted well, so ample a statement *against* it." (Köllner, quoted by Krauth.)

1st Week in Lent. February 17, 1907.

The Place of Faith in the Reception of the Holy Communion

Rom. 3:3-4. John 6:52-56.

Doctrinal Topic Reviewed by Rev. C. Armand Miller, D.D.

Questions to be answered in brief papers: What is the need of faith in the reception of the Sacrament? Is there danger of misapplying faith? What is the result of want of faith?

Lessons for our own lives: 1. Faith has nothing to do with the constituting of the Sacrament. The Real Presence in the Sacrament does not in any wise depend upon the faith of the communicant. What is present and is imparted by means of bread and wine is present because the Word of Christ makes it present. Nothing in us can change or destroy what His Word establishes. Every one who receives the Lord's Supper may be a true and worthy believer, or, on the other hand, every one may be unworthy and without faith, but in the one case, as in the other, the Sacrament includes, brings and is, just what Christ makes it and declares it to be. Two men commune, side by side. One of them is a true child of God; the other is a hypocrite and an unbeliever. Both receive the Sacrament; both receive the same thing. It is not one thing to the first and a different thing to the second. It is, in both cases, not what they make it, but what Christ makes it. Neither of them receives bread and wine alone, because that is not a Sacrament, and Christ nowhere offers mere bread and wine. What He provides is, in every case, the bread and wine connected with His Word and comprehended in His command, and by virtue of that Word and command sacramentally united with His Body and Blood, so that whoever receives the bread and wine receives therewith the Body and Blood connected with it. The believing communicant's faith does not make present the heavenly and supernatural part of the Sacrament. As little can the unbelieving communicant's lack of faith make the Body and Blood of Christ absent!

2. Faith has everything to do with receiving the benefit of the Sacrament. The Body and Blood of Christ, present by His Word to every communicant, may be to each, like the preaching of the Word, a "savor of death unto death," or a "savor of life unto life." To him who has faith, who comes relying confidently and solely upon the atoning sacrifice of Christ for salvation, believing that the atonement of the cross avails for himself and washes away his own sin, to him the divine gift is indeed a savor of life unto life. To the impenitent, the unbelieving, the hypocritical man who has dared, in his self-righteousness and irreverence, to approach the altar and partake of its sacred and mystical Food, to him, just because he receives the Body and the Blood and discerns it not, it is the eating and the drinking of condemnation.

Oh, how important, then, is the place of faith in the receiving of the Feast. God give us worthy access so often as we come.

2d Week in Lent. February 24, 1907.

Who, Then, Receives the Sacrament Worthily?

Matt. 6:16-21.

Doctrinal Topic Reviewed by Rev. C. Armand Miller, D.D.

Questions to be answered in brief papers: What is the place of "fasting and bodily preparation"? What constitutes true worthiness?

Lesson for our own lives: 1. Perhaps we are too indifferent to "fasting and bodily preparation." It is true that Luther in the larger Catechism calls this a "puerile exercise," a practice for children, but are we sure that we are such men and women in Christ that we may with impunity lay aside all childish things? If to fast, before receiving the Sacrament, would serve to fix our minds on the thoughts of penitence and faith which should possess us, if it would serve to strengthen our mastery of the body and to increase the domination of the spirit, if it would help in the concentration of mind and soul in prayer and meditation, then it were well for us to practice it. The danger of this, and of all sorts of external preparation, is that they so easily serve to nurture self-righteousness, instead of self-humiliation that we are so apt to be led thereby to feel that we are very good, instead of realizing that we are very bad, so apt to be led to trust in our preparation, our fasting, our attendance on the Preparatory Service, etc., instead of to trust alone in Christ. But Luther does not deny that an "external discipline" may be very good and needful for us. He desires only to emphasize the fact that no sort of external act can possible furnish or guarantee the one true, needful thing.

2. The true worthiness is in the believing heart. He who trusts in himself cannot, at the same time, be trusting in Christ. Confidence in our own righteousness is incompatible with confidence in the shed Blood and broken Body of our Lord as the only effective offering for sin. He is, we may say in general, most worthy who most feels his unworthiness. For he who thinks himself worthy is trusting in his own goodness, and, in so far, feels no need of Christ and puts no reliance on Him for salvation. But he who shrinks because of his sense of unworthiness distrusts himself, and finding in himself no righteousness on which to rely betakes himself out of his helplessness to the only Helper, and driven by his very need entrusts himself to Christ the Saviour. And in that faith he is truly fit and well prepared. Thus may we come, clothed in the wedding-garment of Christ's righteousness, believing these words, "given and shed *for you*, for the remission of sins."

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were to sail at once in a sloop down to Savannah.

I strongly desired to go with them, yet I did not like to leave my uncle. He had never been unkind to me, only neglectful, leaving me to shift for myself, and, yet, now and then assuming control over me.

I went to him that night as he sat in the tavern at a game of cards.

"Uncle," I said, "I wish to go tomorrow to Savannah on the sloop with Dr. Muhlenberg."

"By my faith, Ned," he said, shaking the dice box in his hand, "You are a brave youth and a loving. I am glad to be rid of you. I did promise your mother—but no matter. Go with the parson, and good luck go with you. Here's to your prosperous journey! A long life and a lucky one!'

He lifted the glass and drank deeply. Then he gave me his hand, and I took it, turning quickly that he might not see tears in my eyes.

As I opened the door, I heard him cry,

"Double aces! My luck has turned! The boy always brought me misfortune."

End of Chapter II.

Daily Bible Readings

Feb. 3. Sexagesima—I Corinthians 10:16-22.
Monday—Deuteronomy 10:1-22.
Tuesday—Joshua 23:1-16.
Wednesday—Nehemiah 13:1-3.
Thursday—Matthew 12:38-50.
Friday—Galatians 5:1-26.
Saturday—Galatians 6:1-18.

Feb. 10. Quinquagesima—Jude 1:1-25.
Monday—Isaiah 64:1-12.
Tuesday—Isaiah 66:1-24.
Ash Wednesday—Jeremiah 7:1-16.
Thursday—John 8:46-59.
Friday—Romans 4:13-25.
Saturday—I Corinthians 11:17-34.

Feb. 17. I Lent—Romans 3:3-4; John 6:52-56.
Monday—Psalm 32:1-11.
Tuesday—Psalm 51:1-19.
Wednesday—Psalm 139:1-24.
Thursday—Luke 17:1-10.
Friday—John 21:15-25.
Saturday—Hebrews 2:1-18.

Feb. 24. II Lent—Matthew 6:16-21.

The Bi-Centenary Celebration

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In the afternoon, as we rode away, sitting on the floor of the little pony jutka, when far out on the plains, we cast our eyes backward, and, far away upon the horizon, shimmering in the sun, loomed the tower of the old Danish fortalice in whose prison-hold, 200 years ago, lay incarcerated for righteousness' sake the great Ziegenbalg. Many impressions were made upon our heart and mind at this Bicentenary Celebration at old Tranquebar, but the impression made by that last glimpse of the old fastness and its lonely dungeon will, we believe, last the longest.

Our Secretary's Greeting

THE last day of the old year should set us thinking. The meaning of a year cannot be gathered into its last day. The last day of 1906 takes its significance from what has gone before. A great Southern statesman replied to those who asked him if some one should pray for him, as his pulse was failing: "No; my life must be my prayer. This solemn moment is not so significant as the solemn years that are gone. Let them stand." So with the days of a year. In God's sight nothing is lost. "That which is hath been long ago; and that which is to be hath long ago been—and God seeketh again that which is passed away." But another year is before us. It is well as we look to the future to remember each day's responsibility is settled for itself, and any day may end our larger projects. "We must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work."

We were privileged to attend the convention of the Mohawk Valley District Luther League at St. Johnsville, N. Y. This convention was well attended. The same day we attended the Albany and Susquehanna District League convention at Albany, N. Y. Both these District Leagues are in excellent condition, and their conventions full of interest. The work seems to be well systematized.

At Easton we looked in on the Allentown District League convention. The Pennsylvania State League is to hold its convention in the bounds of this District in 1907. If the State convention is as well attended as this District convention it will be a record breaker.

A Sunday was spent with the Luther Leagues in Schenectady and Albany, and a pleasant evening was passed with the Luther League in St. James' Church, New York City.

On November 2, 1906, the West Virginia District League, composed of Leagues in the Ohio Valley, was organized in Trinity Church, Bridgeport, Ohio, Rev. A. C. Sumons, pastor. This District has the distinction of being the first to adopt the model constitution for District Leagues recommended by the national Luther League at Canton. This constitution will appear in the new edition of the Handbook that will soon be published.

In December we were privileged to participate in the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the Church of the Atonement, Rev. F. H. Knubel, pastor, in New York City. The League of this church and its pastor have a large place in the history of the Luther League.

We wish for all our societies in 1907 a whole hearted service. "Half hearted service is always heavy." But where the whole heart is enlisted in service for Christ a man, one like the Pharisees with their phylacteries, will not have to wear his religion on his hatband. "The citizen of the kingdom is recognized not by phylacteries but by Godlike dispositions."

May the Life and Word of our Master strengthen you for His service during the days of the year to come. LUTHER M. KUHNS.

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The Year's Best Gift

The fire was bright. The night was drear,
We sat and praised the parting year.

One guest gave thanks for added wealth,
And one for quick return to health.

The aged father told, with joy,
The coming of his absent boy.

"A gladsome year!" the brother cried,
And smiled upon his rosy bride.

"Ah, yes!" the sister said, and pressed
Her infant closer to her breast.

"It was a glorious year in truth,
I gained my 'sheepskin!'" cried the youth.

The patient mother gently sighed,
And breathed the name of one who died,
Then softly said: "To her was given
The year's best gift, for she has heaven."

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I see not a step before me,
As I tread on another year;
But the past is all in God's keeping;
The future his mercy shall clear,
And what looks dark in the distance
May brighten as I draw near.

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Gone with our yesterdays, folded apart,
Laid by with the treasures we hide in the heart;
The year that has left us, so silently shod,
Has carried its record of earth up to God.

—Margaret E. Sangster.

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Editorial

A Happy New Year.

Peace, prosperity and health,
Private bliss and public wealth,
Knowledge with its gladdening streams,
Pure religion's holier beams—
Lord, for these our souls shall raise,
Grateful vows and solemn praise.

The year 1906 has been one of unusual prosperity in products, resources, everything that is material, with a marked improvement in religious and benevolent undertakings. Although we have had sorrow, difficulties, and discouragements, the Lord in His mercy has strengthened us to bear these, and to overcome by His strength. The lessons should be those of thankfulness and faith, for we realize the promise that "My grace is sufficient for thee."

What shall 1907 be to us? With these blessings in the past, and the assurance of Him who is both omniscient and omnipotent, that He will bring to pass that which is for our good, we enter upon the year with great encouragement and with much to cheer us in the work that is before us.

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might" is the command of Him who has the right to expect from each one of us activity in the search for, and diligence in the performance of, the duty. And with it comes the assurance, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the the end of the world."

There has never been in our experience such an interchange of Christmas and New Year's Greetings, or so great a variety of beautiful cards and appropriate messages, as during this season. Certainly the world is growing more kind hearted and thoughtful of its neighbors, and the spirit of Christmas seems to permeate high and low, rich and poor, young and old. That is an encouragement worthy of thought as we enter upon this new year.

And how much is accomplished by a kind thought, a cheerful face, a pleasant word! Many men and women have been saved from wrong doing and destruction by the friendliness of others expressed in a simple way. If we are Christians we should show our Christianity in our faces, and in our life, or we belie the religion which teaches happiness, rejoicing and praise.

The power of the emotions as a factor in religion is recognized. At stated seasons and in some quarters they serve evangelistic purposes. The durability of such foundation for continued and lasting religious experiences

may be open to serious questioning. But, "poetic religion!" Well, we believe in the top notch of sentiment. Nevertheless, a little practical religion based on a knowledge of the great fundamentals of the Christian faith is vastly superior to the finest appreciation of "poetic religion." This is too intangible for us to grapple and to hold on to in the stressful moments of life's terrific storms. Give us a hawser that in time of need won't break, and allow the old ship to drift, storm-driven, while the anchor drags in the mud. The religion of the Gospel, the teachings of Christ, that come down to our humble level, the simple truths of the Master we can grip when tempted and tried will touch the lowest step in needed service the meanest of men can understand, and to him it will be the sweetest poetry.

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The effects of a searching sermon often have been lost through the deficiency of a single element. This is the application of the personal. This application is not necessarily made as Nathan's "Thou art the man," but made, nevertheless, so that the individual feels the personal application of truth. Luther League meetings have made impressions on many hearts. There have been times, too, when the Topic has been skillfully presented so as to create a personal, spiritual quickening, only to be vitiated by remarks, excellent in themselves, but that entirely eliminate the suggestion of personal application. Always we do well to remember the importance and power of personal relations to Christ. There is a picture of Christ knocking at the door. It is a beautiful figure in which Jesus represents Himself as saying, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock. If any man will open the door, I will come in to him!" Christ stands at the heart's door gently tapping, and his fullness is ready to enter in if the call "open, open" is not silenced or attention diverted by broad gauged remarks that often lessen personal impressions, and lose sight of the value of a personal religion.

Publisher's Column

The National Convention at Canton decided upon several important changes in the Topics. Without entering upon details, these were, first, the Topics are to be simplified, and made more practical. Second, a separate series of Junior League Topics is to be provided.

As rapidly as possible the resolution concerning the Topics adopted at Canton will be carried out. But the Topics for 1907 were presented and approved by the National Convention at Buffalo. Much work has been done already on the Topics arranged for 1907. But so much of the resolution as can be made practical in the preparation of the Topics adopted at Buffalo for 1907 will be made at once.

Steps will be taken toward carrying out the part of the resolution respecting the Junior Topics. It must be apparent that time will be required to perfect arrangements for this. A scheme of Topics will have to be considered and prepared. The changes this involves in publication will have to be adjusted. Details will have to be worked out, and quite a number of matters necessary to avoid financial loss through the changes decided upon will have to be provided for in the interest of the whole work of the Luther League.

As rapidly as possible everything contemplated in the resolution at Canton will be done. No particular time can be set. With the arrangements necessarily under way for 1907, and those that must be made in effecting the change, time will be required. But at the earliest possible time all will be done.

To News Writers

Many news items received cannot be published in full because they are too long, and report too many minute details. Such commonplace facts about a meeting as "the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved" or "a hymn was sung" could be left out of reports and save time and work for both the writer and the editor. If each reporter will give this subject a little thought he will discover that a great many other particulars that are frequently written might be left out without decreasing the value of his report to most of his readers. In fact, a report that is loaded down with these minor details, things that are a part of every meeting of its kind, is very likely to be passed over without attention by most readers. Be brief, and write things such as you yourself want to know about other churches and Leagues.

Our Churches and Institutions

In Some of Our Large Cities

Greater New York

—Rev. W. Thun, who recently assumed charge of work among the seamen at this port, contributes to "The Lutheran," issue of December 20, an interesting report of the field which his investigation has opened up to view. He states that 100,000 German sailors visit this port within each year, or 40 per cent of all the sailors who touch here, and while for the other 60 per cent, the churches with which they would naturally affiliate, if with any, have made ample provision for worship, and for the profitable and pleasant employment of their leisure time, the Lutherans have as yet made practically no provision for the Germans. Pastor Thun begins his campaign with a great deal of fervor. He estimates not less than $5,000 annually will be needed to provide adequately for the work.

—Rev. A. Steimle, Brooklyn, has accepted the call extended him by St. John's Church, Allentown, Pa.

—Two well known Lutheran laymen of this city have died recently—Hon. Jacob F. Miller and Mr. John G. C. Taddiken. Mr. Miller was an official member of Holy Trinity Church and president of the Board of Directors of the Wartburg Orphan Farm School. For several years he was president of the Martin Luther Society, and in several of the church's activities he was an earnest and forceful worker. Mr. Taddiken was the secretary of the Board of Trustees of St. John's Church for many years, and devoted much energy to the growth and work of that congregation.

Philadelphia

—A portable chapel is being built at Chelten and Park avenues for the South Oak Lane mission.

—Rev. D. Upton Bair has accepted a unanimous call from the St. Paul's Church, Glenside. He will take up his work at once.

—Rev. W. A. Kump has resigned as pastor of Parkside to accept a call from the Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church.

—A portable chapel is to be constructed for the use of the General Council missions in this city, the money for which is to be raised by the young Lutherans of the Luther Leagues.

—On Sunday, December 23, the Church of the Transfiguration, Rev. A. C. Carty, pastor, reconsecrated its building after extensive alterations and repairs, including a 20 foot extension, which increases its seating capacity by 150. A pipe organ, costing $1,600, is to be installed and at Easter the church proposes to become self supporting.

—Rev. F. S. Kuntz, of Lehighton, Pa., has received a call from the Church of the Apostles, lately served by Dr. Hancher, now of Chicago.

—Zion Swedish Lutheran Church has sold its property on Ninth street to a Greek church for $13,300, and will erect a new church building on Mt. Vernon street, near Seventeenth street.

Chicago

—The Swedish Lutheran Church at Hyde Park, Rev. Dr. V. H. Hegström, pastor, occupied its new church building in November. Only the basement is finished as yet. The building costs $18,000, of which $12,000 has been subscribed and paid.

—A few weeks ago a lady of seventy years was received by confirmation as a member of the People's Lutheran Church.

—St. Luke's Church, Rev. M. E. Haberland, pastor, which has become a self supporting parish after being on the funds of the General Council Home Mission Board just three years, added forty-two members during the past year.

—At the consecration, December 2, of the new chapel of Unity Lutheran Church, Rev. David A. Davy, pastor, there were received $3,000 in gifts to the church building fund. The church is a year old, and during this first year has received substantial assistance from the Men's Missionary Society of the First Church, Altoona, Pa.

St. Louis

—Rev. Mosleim Rhodes, D.D., has been pastor of St. Mark's Church thirty-five years, celebrating the anniversary on December 10.

Baltimore

—Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Rev. W. C. Stoudenmire, pastor, consecrated its new house of worship November 25. The sermon was preached by Rev. C. S. Albert, D.D., Philadelphia. One of the festival services was under the auspices of the Luther League, Rev. W. S. Freas, D.D., and Rev. A. S. Hartman, D.D., delivering addresses.

Washington

—Hon. Cornelius Eckhardt, mayor of Kensington, first Treasurer of the Luther League of America and former manager of The Luther League Review, who was seriously injured in the railroad wreck on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad at Terra Cotta, between Baltimore and Washington, on December 30, and removed to the Garfield Hospital, is, we are glad to report, rapidly recovering, and it is expected will be able to leave the hospital in a few weeks.

Minneapolis

—St. Mark's Church, the Rev. John Keehly, pastor, after being aided by the Home Mission Board for three years, declared itself self sustaining December 1.

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Milwaukee

—St. Jacob's Church recently consecrated a new building, costing $50,000.

—"The Lutheran" prints the following: "Where two years ago a single English General Council Lutheran church was trying conclusions with ungathered Lutheran multitudes in Milwaukee, there are now three—Redeemer, Epiphany and Reformation. If the Sunday schools are a good register of healthful vitality, a new order of things may be looked for, five years hence. At present their combined growth is at the rate of twenty-three each Sunday. The day of small things is ended in Milwaukee."

Kansas City

—On the evening before their departure for Long Beach, Cal., the Rev. Dr. J. A. M. Ziegler and family were tendered a reception by the members of the First Church.

Sacramento

—Peniel Mission, Rev. C. F. Oehler, pastor, has had its building fund augmented by a little more than $3,000 from the estate of Fritz Miller, the contest of whose will was recently decided in the courts. An equal sum was bequeathed to the German Lutheran Church of this city.

Scranton

—On Sunday, December 16, the new church building of St. Paul's Church, Rev. William S. Heist, pastor, was consecrated with appropriate services. The building is 70x36 feet, is well located, and with the plot on which it stands cost nearly $10,000. The mission was established in 1893 and now numbers seventy members.

Erie

—On the second Sunday in Advent Bethany Church, Rev. J. E. Forsberg, pastor, laid the conerstone of its new church building, which is being erected at a cost of $22,000.

—At a meeting of the Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society, held November 9, Mr. William McNair, President of the Pennsylvania State Luther League, was the principal speaker, and "Present Tendencies" the subject. Some valuable suggestions for church extension work were made in the address.

Peoria

—After several years of hard work and generous sacrifice, the English-speaking Lutherans of this city are about to realize their hopes. The project of a suitable church building in a desirable locality is practically assured by the gift from Mrs. H. B. Stewart of a fine property on Madison avenue, worth $10,000. Mrs. Stewart makes the gift in memory of her husband, and conditions it only upon the erection of a building within five years. Toward this part of the work more than $2,000 has been raised. Rev. Charles E. Raymond is the pastor.

Canton

—Rev. John A. Hall, D.D., has resigned the pastorate of Trinity Church, in which the late convention of the Luther League was held, and preached his last sermon with the close of the Church year. He has removed to Mansfield, Ohio, where he will engage in literary work, but along theological lines.

Fort Wayne

—This is a great Lutheran city, having, according to a recent census, 2,852 Lutheran families, 337 more than the Catholics, and more than the Methodists, Episcopalians and Presbyterians combined. There are nine German and two English churches. Mission work was begun here in 1838.

Miscellaneous

—The first Lettish church building in the United States was consecrated recently in Lincoln County, Wis. It is called the Evangelical Lutheran Martin Church. The congregation is connected with the German Lutheran Missouri Synod and was founded in 1902. It has a membership of 200 souls.

—Gustavus Adolphus College now has a start toward a ladies' dormitory. An unknown donor recently sent in a gift of $500 for that purpose.

—President Haas, of Muhlenberg College, has been honored with the appointment on the committee of five to select a candidate from Pennsylvania upon the Cecil Rhodes foundation in Oxford, England.

—Rev. Marion J. Kline, D.D., General Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, has been elected a member of the Advisory Committee of the Student Volunteer Movement. This is a deserved honor and is the first time a Lutheran has been elected to this board of management.

—Rev. J. R. Dimm, D.D., of Selinsgrove, Pa., is the first Lutheran educator to receive an annuity from the Carnegie fund for college professors, by reason of his ability and the service of forty years. The amount of the annuity is $750. Dr. Dimm has closed his long career in educational work by retiring from the chair of political economy and international law in Susquehanna University, of which he was the former president.

—Rev. William J. Miller, D.D., Greensburg, Pa., and Mrs. Miller were presented on Christmas Eve by Zion Lutheran Church with a purse of $225.

—In the archives of one of the Lutheran churches of Amsterdam, Holland, there are said to be well preserved documents, containing reports from the Lutheran churches in this country, 100 years older than those contained in the "Hollésche Nachrichten." An effort has been made to obtain transcribed copies of the same.

—In 1905 not less than 7,800 Roman Catholics, mostly educated people, left the Church of Rome in Germany and joined the Evangelical

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Church. On the other hand, 809 Protestants became Roman Catholics. From 1890 to 1905 more than 47,700 Catholics became Protestants, over against 4,132 Protestants becoming Romanists.

—Announcement is made by Dr. Sigmund, president of Carthage College, that an effort will now be made to meet Mr. Henry Denhart's long standing offer of $100,000 for the endowment fund, upon condition of other gifts aggregating a like sum before January 1, 1908. To this fund of $200,000, when it shall have been raised, Mr. Carnegie will add $20,000. As proof that the college is ready for this increase in its funds Dr. Sigmund cites the fact that within the last five years the student roll has been tripled.

—Among friends of Wittenberg College there has been started a movement which should help to break the dearth of ministers. An organization known as the Wittenberg Guild has been formed for the purpose of educating selected men for the ministry. The organization has elected Dr. Charles G. Heckert president; Rev. H. W. Hanshue, of Newport, Ky., secretary, and Mr. E. J. Young, of Wadsworth, treasurer. Several men of liberal means are already interested, and plans are forming which it is hoped may provide an annual fund of $5,000 for the education of prospective ministers at Wittenberg Theological Seminary.

—More than half the $50,000 the United Synod, South, decided to expend in improving its schools in Japan has been subscribed.

—The Lutheran Church at San José, Cal., Rev. E. Meyer, pastor, is to erect a new church building costing $5,000, to replace the one destroyed by the earthquake.

—Hon. A. O. Eberhart, the new Lieutenant-Governor of Minnesota, is an alumnus of Gustavus Adolphus College, at St. Peter, Class of '95.

—In these days, when "rough house" by-play is endangering the lives of many and maiming the bodies of more of the students of many institutions, it is refreshing to read the following in the editorial columns of the Allentown Daily City Item: "Muhlenberg College is not only acquiring fame, if not fortune, from a scholastic standpoint, but its reputation for discipline is such that no parent need fear to send any son of his to the institution. In behavior, general deportment and gentlemanly conduct the students of Muhlenberg have no superior. This is not alone true of the present body of students, but also of their predecessors."

—Rev. Luther E. Gringel, pastor of St. Mark's Church, Batesville, Ind., is announced as one of the Chautauqua lecturers for this year, presenting "The Hero of Conscience—Martin Luther," "which," says the announcement, "will surely educate those ignorant of Luther's great work." Rev. Gringel, who is a firm friend of the Luther League, is described in the announcement as "exceptionally gifted, and a powerful and magnetic orator."

—St. John's Church, Easton, Pa., Rev. John C. Seegers, pastor, having completed repairs costing about $12,000 to its historical and churchly edifice, held a re-consecration service recently.

—By the will of the late John Jarrett, of Allentown, the Theological Seminary at Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, is to receive $5,000, the Muhlenberg College $3,000, and the Orphans' Home at Germantown, Philadelphia, $1,000.

—A dispatch to the London Telegraph from The Hague says it is rumored that Queen Wilhelmina intends to become a convert to the Lutheran creed. She has taken seats in the Lutheran church at Apeldoom and often attends the services.

—Three recent graduates from the Theological Seminary in St. Louis left on Wednesday, September 25, for Brazil, where they will labor in the mission field of the Missouri Synod.

—The census of Lutheran missions in India for 1905, as given in the Gospel Witness for September, shows, including the Basel Mission Society, 12,467 accessions in 1905, 1,317 schools, 47,835 children in the schools, 526 missionaries, and 178,054 members. There are thirteen Lutheran missionary societies at work in India, making a chain of Lutheran missions from north to south.

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NEW YORK.

New York City District

—At the annual meeting of the Luther League of Atonement Church, Rev. F. H. Knubel, pastor, the following officers were elected: President, Fred E. Menke; vice president, Miss Springhorn; recording secretary, Miss F. Becker; financial secretary, Miss C. Schubert; corresponding secretary, Warren C. Judge; treasurer, Miss Mae Wessels; librarian, George Maule. The League will celebrate its tenth anniversary in the latter part of this month.

Albany and Susquehanna District

—The Luther League of St. John's Church, Albany, Rev. Oscar Krauch, pastor, will install in the church building an electric lighting system at a cost of $750. This work is to be part

of a general renovation and redecoration which the church building is to undergo at a cost of several thousand dollars. In June next the church will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary.

PENNSYLYANIA.

Philadelphia District

—The Luther League of St. Luke's Church enjoyed a fine privilege on Sunday evening, December 16, in having Mrs. Augusta V. Pohlman to give an address on mission work in Africa, illustrating her talk with a number of curios from West Africa, where she spent several years as a missionary.

Lancaster District

—The District Luther League of Lancaster and adjoining counties held its twelfth annual convention in the time-honored Trinity Church of New Holland, 175 years old. Both the pastor, Rev. S. M. Mountz, and the president of the District and the local Leagues, Mr. William M. Mearig, extended cordial greetings. The entire day, December 27, was devoted to the work of the League, and reports were presented by the delegates to the recent State and National Conventions, Revs. P. George Sieger, E. Meister and Mr. W. M. Mearig. There was a social half hour full of racy speeches before the afternoon session. The three meetings were opened with devotional service. Rev. Dr. C. Elvin Haupt, of Lancaster, conducted a symposium on League work that proved very interesting, and the leading addresses of the day were given by Revs. Prof. Fry, D.D., of the Mt. Airy Lutheran Theological Seminary, of Philadelphia, Pa., on "What the Lutheran Church Stands For," and G. W. Enders, D.D., of York, Pa., "The Young Martin Luther." The church was most tastefully decorated for the day and the large audiences present will long remember the occasion. The officers elect are: President, Walter A. Heinitsh, Lancaster; vice president, Charles M. Diller, New Holland; recording secretary, Miss Catharine Killian; corresponding secretary, Miss Adella Tapper, both of Lancaster; treasurer, M. L. Weidman, of Ephrata; statistician, Rev. Richard C. Rengier, of Lancaster. The committees constituted for the year are Executive, Extension, Credentials, Junior work and the Press. It was unanimously resolved that another grand "rally" of Lutherans should be held in Rocky Springs Park during July, 1907.

Berks County District

—The quarterly convention of the Berks County District League will be held at Trinity Church, Reading, Rev. Dr. Horn, pastor, January 10. Addresses on "The Lutheran Church in America" will be delivered by Revs. J. W. Richards, I. C. Hoffman and E. P. Pfatteicher. Other speakers will be Rev. Dr. Whitteker and Mr. John H. Early.

Northwestern District

—The Luther Leagues of Erie held a rally in the Sunday school room of St. John's Church,

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Tuesday evening, November 20. The room was decorated with palms, chrysanthemums, and the Luther League colors. Rev. C. T. Benze conducted the liturgical service and special music was rendered. Rev. F. A. Bowers, Rochester, Pa., was the principal speaker. At the beginning of his address Rev. Bowers stated two reasons for favoring the Luther League: First, it is rapidly bringing into a closer relationship the different branches of the American Lutheran Church; second, it is making intelligent, therefore staunch, Lutherans of the great body of our young people. "One who has carefully studied the Luther League Topics," the speaker said, "and becomes familiar with the books of the Luther League reading course, knows why he is a Lutheran, and it is next to impossible to entice him away from the Church." He then urged practical brotherhood as an expression of piety. General Secretary Rev. Luther M. Kuhns was to have been present, but was prevented by his recent illness.

MARYLAND

Baltimore District

—The second anniversary of the Luther League and the Junior Luther League of Calvary Lutheran Church, Baltimore, was held on December 11. Rev. Ezra K. Bell, D.D., delivered an address on "The Birthplace of the Lutheran Church." Mr. James Lowe, a Gettysburg student, spoke on "Young People and the Home," and Rev. George E. Hipsley gave an account of the recent National Convention of the Luther League. The Leagues have an enrollment of 135, and contributed about $200 toward the work of the Church. The Luther League Topics are used by both Leagues. An interesting feature of the program was the presentation by the pastor, Rev. John C. Bowers, of a beautiful banner, the gift of two friends. A social hour followed the program.

The officers of the Senior League are: Mr. Charles Essig, president; Miss Leila Bowers, vice president; Miss Edith Cramer, secretary; Mr. William Wilson, treasurer; Miss Anna Trebert, organist. Of the Junior League: Miss Addie Schumann, president; Miss Leila Bowers, vice president; Miss May Knell, secretary. The Leagues are rapidly becoming a potent factor in the work of the church.

MASSACHUSETTS

—The Luther League of Massachusetts, Augustana Synod, met in annual convention in

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OHIO

—Ten young people of Bethesda Lutheran Church, Sherrodsville, Rev. William Hall, pastor, have organized a Luther League. The officers are: President, John H. Allen; vice president, Anna Enold; secretary, Samuel Rowley; treasurer, Hulda Hittel. The League begins with very fair prospects of increased membership and a useful existence.

INDIANA

—The Luther League of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Batesville, was organized less than one year ago, but is already regarded as one of the most important factors in the church work. The membership is continually increasing and will soon reach fifty. The devotional meetings are very well attended and the business meetings by practically all the members. The reading course will be taken up and read by all members. For Christmas the League gave the pastor, Rev. Arthur E. Gringel, a rich silk rocker.

TENNESSEE

—The Luther League of the First Lutheran Church, Nashville, Rev. Carl Zinssmeister, pastor, elected the following officers at the meeting held in December: President, Richard Zeh; vice president, Edward F. Heines; secretary, Eda L. Heines; treasurer, Oscar Hantleman; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Frank Wharton. The League recently placed a telephone in the parsonage. It was represented at the National Luther League Convention.

GEORGIA

—The Luther League of the Church of the Ascension, Savannah, Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D.D., pastor, is showing renewed vigor in increasing attendance and interest, so that there is good ground for hope of making this a record year in its history. At the annual meeting, which occurred recently, the following officers were elected: Howard, R. Keister, president; Fred Lubs, first vice president; Miss Bessie Beckman, second vice president; Miss Adaline

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Semken, recording secretary; Miss Etta Vollers, corresponding secretary, and Mr. Edw. Struck, treasurer. Among the 750 members of the church are enough young people to make a strong League, and efforts are being made to enlist the active interest and support of many, with much prospect of success.

KANSAS

—The Luther League of St. Paul's Church, Peabody, Rev. George F. Murphy, pastor, equipped the church building with fixtures, chandeliers, etc., for electric lights.

IOWA

Tri-City District

—The Luther League of St. Paul's Church, Davenport, Rev. W. H. Blancke, D.D., pastor, recently elected the following officers: President, Miss Edith Heden; vice president, Harry P. Vogt; secretary, Miss Nellie Paulson; treasurer, Otto M. Hamann.

OREGON-WASHINGTON

Columbia District

—Luther Leaguers of St. Paul's, Vancouver, tendered their president and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Madsen, a farewell reception on Tuesday evening, October 13. A pleasant and profitable evening was spent socially. Mr. and Mrs. Madsen will in future live at Goldendale. The county in which this place is located (Klickitat) is without a Lutheran church, though many of the settlers are Lutherans. Rev. Walter I. Eck, pastor of St. Paul's Church, has been at the Passavant Hospital, Chicago, where he underwent an operation.

—The Luther League of St. James' Church, Portland, held a Young People's rally Sunday evening, October 22. "Echoes of the Astoria Convention" was the theme, and addresses were delivered by Rev. M. E. Boulten, of The Dalles, Ore.; Messrs. Albert Madsen and W. S. T. Derr, of Vancouver, Wash., and the pastor, Rev. J. A. Leas. A special feature was the splendid music by the St. James' Choir, under the directorship of Dr. Keefer.

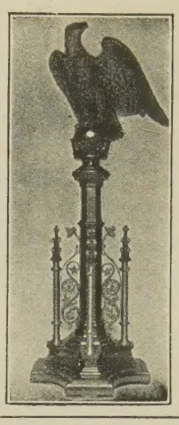
—Rev. W. F. Roehmer, of Nehalem, has accepted a call from Fresno, Cal., and has entered upon his new field of work. Columbia District League regrets the loss of Rev. Roehmer.

—The Luther League of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Vancouver, held its annual meeting at the home of one of the members, December 27. The annual reports indicated a prosperous and healthy condition of the League. Officers for the year were elected as follows: President, J. T. Olson; vice president, Miss Mabel Thompson; secretary, Miss Florence Peterson; treasurer, Miss Laura Young. An interesting program was then given. Miss Annie Campbell spoke on "Scenes in London" and Miss Laura Young on "Travels in Germany, and Martin Luther's Home." Refreshments were served and plans made for the work of the year.

—In the city of Portland there is but one English Lutheran Church, and that is the St. James, Rev. J. A. Leas, pastor. For the last five years this church has had a very active Luther League, and its members have been earnest workers for Christ in His kingdom. The League at present is composed of fifty-three members. In October the annual meeting was held to discuss plans for the coming year, and elect officers. The following were chosen: Mr. E. R. Gelinsky, president; Mr. A. B. Holderman, vice president; Mary Alice Koch, secretary; Mr. A. Blankholm, treasurer. The League has decided to place a circular window over the altar of the new church building, which is soon to be erected. The design of the window will be the Luther League emblem. It will cost $50.

Canada

—On December 4, 1906, the Luther League of St. Paul's English Lutheran Church, Toronto, was organized and the following officers were elected: President, Ward Reddick; vice president, Irwin Casselman; recording secretary, Miss Ilda N. Moorhouse; corresponding secretary, Miss Lucy Miller; treasurer, Miss Emma Hayunga. Miss Hayunga is also chorister, and Mrs. Charles White, at whose home the League was organized, is organist. The meetings are held every Sunday night after the church services and are largely attended. The membership is growing. The Topics are discussed. Missions, both Home and Foreign, Education, Our Church Institutions and Men, Church History and Doctrine are among the subjects studied. At every roll call each member present states a fact regarding the Lutheran Church. Business and social meetings are held monthly at the members' homes. The League places a copy of The Review in the home of each member and has decided that the members wear the League badge and colors. Dues are charged, and one free will offering a month is taken. The congregation was organized on October 7, 1906, by the Rev. J. C. F. Rupp, of Morrisburg, Canada, and is being supplied and developed by the Eastern Field Missionary, Rev. M. J. Bieber.



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Every local meeting among our Centrals will do well to make room on the order of the day for some attention to Junior work.

Take good care of the Junior of today, and by and by the Junior will take care of the Luther League.

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Copies of a form for a constitution for Junior League work can be obtained for the asking of Rev. C. Elvin Haupt, D.D., Lancaster City, Pa. It is, however, better, if possible, to have the Juniors working under the constitution of the main League, wherever the League exists. Let us minimize constitutions and emphasize good, earnest work for the League, the Church, the school and the pastor.

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If a committee of five be appointed by the main League to conduct the work of the Junior League, they might be organized as follows:

1. The leader, in charge of the system of work.
2. The organist and chorister.
3. The roll keeper.
4. The instructor in holy things.
5. The custodian of supplies.

Here is a simple plan for a week-day meeting of a Junior League:

1. A hymn, sung if possible from memory.
2. A psalm read or recited, by one, responsively, or by all; Gloria Patri and Creed at the close.
3. A little chat by the instructor.
4. Elections.
5. Hymn learned (one verse at a meeting) and sung.
6. A useful story read, a selection recited, a golden text committed, the names of the books of the Bible repeated, the Church year explained, Bible facts memorized, divisions of the Catechism (or other work) learned.
7. The Lord's Prayer, Doxology and Votum, or parting verse, distributions, collections and dismissal.

Test questions might be announced at one meeting, upon Bible facts, Church history, League history and congregational history, to be answered next time.

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The more we know of the Bible and the Lutheran Church the better they will be loved.

A social half hour before beginning the meeting may be helpful.

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We cannot missionate unless we educate.

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The true object of every Junior League, as of every other department of real Church work, is to bring the human and the worldly into touch with the divine Spirit of love.

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The pure gospel of Jesus Christ is never fully preached until it is practiced.

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United we gain, divided we lose.

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The Junior work is not a thing apart. It is a product of the Church.

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Young and earnest make old and devoted souls.

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It is the great privilege of life to know Christ, and the great business to prove it.

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Epiphany means shining out, speaking out and sending out. The truth is worth giving and having, loving and living. If they were "wise" who, with their twinkling light and few facts came to worship and enrich the Babe of Bethlehem, what must be said of those who now stand in the full, free light of the Day-spring from on high? It were folly most vain at this late day to turn away from Him who

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Does Epiphany always fall on the Lord's Day? If not, why not?

Has Epiphany day been long observed? How long?

What is commemorated by Epiphany?

Why is Epiphany night sometimes called "Twelfth Night."

Which occurred first, think you, the call of the wise men of the East, or the circumcision of Jesus?

DEVOTIONAL HINTS.

Is not our religion weak because it is composed too much of ? ? ? ? ? and ....., instead of ----- (hyphens) and ! ! ! ! !

Come, let us try to appreciate the Master more!

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"What a tangled web we weave when we practice to deceive."

The Ten Commandments divide very positively, between holiness and sin; for God is at the highest part of them and at the very lowest is unmasked the selfish covetous human heart.

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